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PARIS FOR CUSTOMS

STATE PASS DEP. ASST. SEC. SUCHMAN, TREASURY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ETRD, SP
SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTY - ZINC

REF: MADRID 340, STATE 6316

1. DEP. ASST. SECRETARY OF TREASURY PETER SUCHMAN LED US
TEAM IN FRUITFUL DISCUSSION AT SPANISH FONMIN
JAN 20-21 REGARDING COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ON ZINC.
SPANISH SIDE, LED BY FONMIN DIRECTOR GENERAL ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS CARLOS GAMIR, COMPOSED OF REPS FROM MINISTRIES
OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, FINANCE, AND SPANISH ZINC INDUSTRY.
COMM. COUNSELOR SPANISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON, JOSE SIERRA,
AND SPANISH INDUSTRY LEGAL COUNSEL, GEORGE EGGE, RETURNED
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FROM WASHINGTON TO PARTICIPATE WITH SPANISH DELEGATION.
TALKS WERE HELD IN CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE AND SERVED TO
CLARIFY SEVERAL QUESTIONS RAISED BY SPANISH. ENDED
WITH AGREEMENT EMBASSY REPS WOULD PREPARE REPORT WITH
SIERRA TO BE SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AT FIRST
MEETING OF JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE.

2. EMBOFFS MET JAN 26 WITH SIERRA TO DRAFT REPORT.
WE BELIEVE DOCUMENT IS FAIR ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT
SITUATION OF ZINC AND WILL BE USEFUL IN ANY DISCUSSION
OF SUBJECT IN JOINT COMMITTEE. EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT
TEXT OF REPORT BY SEPARATE CABLE.

3. ALTHOUGH GOS STATED ITS MAIN INTEREST WAS TO PREPARE
REPORT ON COUNTERVAILING DUTY PROBLEM FOR SUBMISSION
TO JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, IT WAS APPARENT EGGE AND
SIERRA ALSO WANTED MADRID GROUP (BOTH GOS AND INDUSTRY
REPS) TO GET CLOSER PICTURE OF SITUATION UNFOLDING
IN WASHINGTON. GOS ALSO SEEMED INTERESTED IN QUIETING
GRUMBLINGS FROM SPANISH INDUSTRY THAT IT IS NOT
DEFENDING INDUSTRY'S INTERESTS ADEQUATELY.

4. GOS DID NOT COMMIT ITSELF TO CONCRETE ACTION OTHER
THAN PREPARATION OF REPORT TO JOINT COMMITTEE. HOWEVER,
SPANISH ZINC INDUSTRY WILL CONTINUE ITS COOPERATION
WITH TREASURY IN INVESTIGATION BY PROVIDING ELABORATION
OF POINTS CONTAINED IN STATEMENTS ALREADY SUPPLIED
TO TREASURY. US DELEGATION SAID IT WOULD TAKE INTO
CONSIDERATION ALL INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE BY INDUSTRY
OR GOS.

5. CLEARLY TALKS ARE OFF DEAD CENTER AND PROSPECTS
ARE IMPROVED FOR SOME FAVORABLE RESOLUTION FOR THE
ZINC CASE. HOWEVER, GOS WILL STILL PROTEST IMPOSITION
OF COUNTERVAILING DUTY IN JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
BASED ON ITS POSITION THAT DUTY IS CONTRARY TO
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